

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A one-piece report cover for holding a report document in combination with a binding structure, the combination comprising:

a one-piece report cover having a back panel;

a female connector panel having fastening means for fastening the female connector panel to the back panel of the one-piece report cover at at least two points during use and a plurality of integrally formed hinges positioned parallel to an edge of the female connector panel for folding the female connector panel about an edge of a report document during use;

an aperture through the female connector panel positioned between the two fastened points;

a male connector panel having a tab portion sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the female connector panel, the aperture removably retaining the tab portion beneath the female connector panel during use providing means for disassembly of the male connector panel by discrete disassembly manipulation; and

a binding element for binding the female connector panel, a report document and the male connector panel together during use, the binding element fixing the a relationship between the female connector panel, report document and the male connector

panel preventing disengagement of the tab portion of the male connector panel from the aperture of the female connector panel during use.

2. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

3. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the male connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

4. (Original) The combination of claim 3 wherein the female connector panel further comprises at least one aperture for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

5. (Original) In a report cover having a front panel, a back panel, a first connector panel fastened to the back panel at at least two points with at least three parallel hinges and a second connector panel for engagement with the first connector panel, wherein the improvement comprises:

an aperture through the first connector panel positioned between the two fastened points; and

a tab portion connected to the second connector panel sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the first connector panel, the aperture retaining the tab portion beneath the first connector panel during use.

6. (Original) The improvement of claim 5 wherein a report document is fastened between the first connector panel and the second connector panel by a binding element.

7. (Original) The improvement of claim 6 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

8. (Original) The improvement of claim 6 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the second connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

9. (Original) The improvement of claim 8 wherein the first connector panel further comprises at least one aperture for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

10. (Currently Amended) A one-piece report cover with binding structure for holding a report document, the cover comprising:

a one-piece report cover having a back panel and a three hinged panel foldable about an edge of a report document during use;

a female connector panel having fastening means for fastening the female connector panel to the back panel of the one-piece report cover at at least two points during use;

an aperture through the female connector panel positioned between the two fastened points;

a male connector panel having a tab portion sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the female connector pane, the aperture retaining the tab portion beneath the female connector panel during use; and

a binding element for binding the three hinged panel, a report document and the male connector panel together during use, the binding element fixing the a relationship between the three hinged panel, report document and the male connector panel preventing disengagement of the tab portion of the male connector panel from the aperture during use.

11. (Original) The cover of claim 10 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

12. (Original) The cover of claim 10 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the male connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

13. (Original) In a report cover having a front panel, a back panel, a first connector panel fastened to the back panel at at least two points and a second connector panel for engagement with the first connector panel, wherein the improvement comprises:

a three hinged panel integral with the back panel, the three hinged panel foldable about an edge of a report document during use;

an aperture through the first connector panel positioned between the two fastened points; and

a tab portion connected to the second connector panel sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the female connector panel, the aperture retaining the tab portion beneath the female connector panel during use.

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14. (Original) The improvement of claim 13 wherein a report document is fastened between the three hinged panel and the male connector panel by a binding element.

15. (Original) The improvement of claim 14 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

16. (Original) The improvement of claim 15 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the second connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

17. (Original) A method of making a one-piece report cover with binding structure, the method comprising:

forming a female connector panel with an aperture therethrough and a three hinged portion positioned parallel and adjacent an edge of the female connector panel;

forming a male connector panel with a tab shaped portion sized and shaped for retention by the aperture through the female connector panel;

forming a one-piece report cover with a front panel, spine panel and back panel defined by a plurality of hinges;

binding a document with and between the female connector panel and male connector panel with a binding element, the binding element positioned between the edge of the female connector panel and the three hinged portion;

fastening the female connector panel to the back panel of the one-piece report cover;

pivoting the document and male connector panel about the female connector panel by the three hinged portion;

inserting the tab shaped portion of the male connector panel in the aperture of the female connector panel.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1, 4, 7-10, 12, 15, 21 and 30-31.

These sheets, which include Figures 1, 4, 7-10, 12, 15, 21 and 30-31 replaces the original sheets including Figures 1, 4, 7-10, 12, 15, 21 and 30-31.

In Figure 1, element 35 was changed to element 38 and element 38 was changed to 33.

In Figure 4, element 34 was changed to element 39, previously omitted element 18 was added, element 87 was changed to element 37, element 39 was changed to element 34 element 80 was changed to 8, an arrow head was placed on leader line from element 8 and an arrow head was placed on leader line from element 6.

In Figure 7, previously omitted element 16 was added.

In Figure 8, previously omitted element 15 was added.

In Figure 9, previously omitted elements 27-28 were added.

In Figure 10, previously omitted elements 35-36 and 40-41 were added.

In Figure 12, element 3 was changed to element 137

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In Figure 15, element 128 was changed to element 139, previously omitted element 145 was added, and leader line from element 115 was lengthened.

In Figure 21, previously omitted element 245 was added.

In Figure 30, element 434 was changed to element 433, previously omitted elements 420 and 437 were added, element 432 was changed to element 431

In Figure 31, element 433 was changed to element 434 and element 431 was changed to element 432.

Attachment: Eleven (11) Replacement Sheets
Eleven (11) Annotated Sheets Showing Changes